

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims by deleting the language which is marked by a
strikeout (i.e., ~~patent~~) and inserting the language which is underlined (i.e., patent).

Claims 1 - 19 are canceled without prejudice.

Please accept the following New Claims 20-39.

20. (New) An apparatus to teach a subject to vocally emulate sounds comprising:
- a presence detecting sensor for detecting the presence of a subject;
 - a system for playing back a predetermined message, wherein said system initiates playback of said predetermined message upon detection of the presence of said subject by said presence detecting sensor;
 - a housing which contains said sensor and said playback initiation system;
 - a bird perch, said bird perch for holding said subject, said subject being a bird; and
 - a trough, wherein said trough is inserted within a space formed within said bird perch.

21. (New) An apparatus as recited in Claim 20 further comprising a system for selecting a prerecorded sound to be played, wherein said system comprises a selector switch for choosing a desired prerecorded sound.

22. (New) An apparatus as recited in Claim 20 wherein said presence detecting sensor comprises a movement sensing device.

23. (New) An apparatus as recited in Claim 20 wherein said presence detecting sensor comprises a light sensing device for detecting the absence of light due to the presence of said subject.

24. (New) An apparatus as recited in Claim 20 wherein said presence detecting sensor comprises a laser and a laser detection sensor.

25. (New) An apparatus as recited in Claim 20 wherein said presence detecting sensor for detecting the presence of said subject comprises a heat sensing device.

26. (New) An apparatus as recited in Claim 20, wherein said bird perch is detachable.

27. (New) An apparatus as recited in Claim 20, further comprising a mirror.

28. (New) An apparatus as recited in Claim 27, wherein said mirror is contained within said housing, said mirror providing visual stimulation to said subject.

29. (New) An apparatus as recited in Claim 20, further comprising a means for attaching said apparatus to a birdcage.

30. (New) An apparatus as recited in Claim 29, wherein said means for attaching said apparatus to said birdcage comprises a bracket.
31. (New) An apparatus as recited in Claim 20, wherein said apparatus is capable of freely standing.
32. (New) An apparatus to teach a subject to vocally emulate sounds comprising:
a presence detecting sensor for detecting the presence of a subject, wherein said presence detecting sensor comprises a laser and a laser detection sensor;
a system for playing back a predetermined message, wherein said system initiates playback of said predetermined message upon detection of the presence of said subject by said presence detecting sensor; and
a housing which contains said sensor and said playback initiation system.
33. (New) An apparatus as recited in Claim 32 further comprising a system for selecting a prerecorded sound to be played, wherein said system comprises a selector switch for choosing a desired prerecorded sound.
34. (New) An apparatus as recited in Claim 32, wherein said bird perch is detachable.
35. (New) An apparatus as recited in Claim 32, further comprising a mirror.

36. (New) An apparatus as recited in Claim 35, wherein said mirror is contained within said housing, said mirror providing visual stimulation to said subject.

37. (New) An apparatus as recited in Claim 32, further comprising a means for attaching said apparatus to a birdcage.

38. (New) An apparatus as recited in Claim 37, wherein said means for attaching said apparatus to said birdcage comprises a bracket.

39. (New) An apparatus as recited in Claim 32, wherein said apparatus is capable of freely standing.